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[redacted] 1. Prior to 7 July [redacted] the north and south sections of the Delius Kaserne were occupied by a total of about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. At 6 p.m. on 29 June, about 60 troops engaged in physical training in the north section of the installation. At 11:30 a.m. on 1 July, about 100 troops practiced loading and aiming on 10 x 152-mm field guns in the area at Grosser Siegbundberg, south of the Fahrland-Marquardt road. The prime movers which had towed the guns were seen in the terrain.

25X1A 25X1A 2. Prior to 7 July, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail of about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. On 27 June, [redacted] were seen leaving the installation toward Potsdam. The Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 soldiers. Source did not observe any training activity. 1

25X1C 3. Prior to 7 July, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by an estimated 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, motor transport and signal insignia. At 2 p.m. on 25 June, source did not observe any training activity in the installation. At 2:15 p.m., about 180 troops received instruction on light and heavy machine guns in the Bullenwinkel area. At 8:30 a.m. on 26 June, about 30 soldiers with each one red and one white signal flag were seen leaving the installation toward the training area. At 2 p.m., about 20 troops loaded

25X1C [redacted] at the ammunition depot. At 9 a.m. on 27 June, about 50 soldiers practiced marching in the west section of the installation; and about 20 soldiers carrying spades left the east gate toward Bullenwinkel. At 10 a.m. on 29 June, about 200 troops, including some receiving theoretical instruction and the others firing at practice targets with light and heavy machine guns, were in the Bullenwinkel area. At about 10 a.m. on 3 July, about 40 soldiers engaged in physical training in the west section of the installation; and about 50 soldiers, armed with carbines and carrying practice targets, were leaving the installation toward the training area. At 11 a.m. on 7 July, source did not observe any training activity in the barracks area. About 200 troops received theoretical instruction, engaged in physical training or received instruction on light and heavy machine guns in the area of Bullenwinkel. 2

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4. Prior to 2 July, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At 1:45 p.m. on 28 June, three prime movers, each towing a 122-mm field gun, were in the barracks yard. About 50 troops were seen with the guns. Prime mover [redacted] was seen entering the installation. The south section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne were also occupied by guard details only. 25X1C
5. Prior to 2 July, the Kriegsschule was occupied about 50 percent. A German worker employed there stated that the companies which had left, had not yet returned. Source did not observe any training activity. After 17 June, the officer candidates stationed in the installation were employed in patrol duty in the town.
6. From 1 to 9 July, the Kriegsschule in Potsdam was occupied by an estimated 1,500 troops wearing gold braids on their epaulets and artillery or tank insignia. Firing with live ammunition was continually held at the Bornstedt firing range. About 30 soldiers were rotated to the firing range. Source did not observe any other training activity. [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

7. From 1 to 9 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 60 soldiers repeatedly received individual training. [redacted] 25X1B

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[redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

8. The barracks installations on Nedlitzer Strasse, except for the Delius Kaserne, were occupied only by guard details. The Delius Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 30 soldiers received instruction on two 122-mm field howitzers.
9. The Ruinenberg Kaserne was entirely vacated. Source did not observe any sentries. The gates were boarded up. Source was not able to observe the barracks installation in Wildpark-West as the roads along this installation were blocked. However, source had the impression that the installation was far less occupied than during the winter months. [redacted] were seen en route to the installation. 1

10. On 1 July, Deputy Minister President Walter Ulbricht made a speech at Platz der Freiheit in Potsdam. Martial law was lifted. Calm was restored at the post. Soviet patrols were withdrawn. KVP still patrolled the town.

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11. On the evening of 8 July, 4 about 150-mm guns, 4 prime movers, 8 to 10 trucks and 5 boxcarloads of personnel were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station. 3
12. On 8 June, an envelope addressed to a soldier of [redacted], postmarked 3 May 1953, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] was found on the Fahrland-Marquardt road. 4

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25X1A1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate a major change in the occupation of the barracks installations mentioned over the situation prior to 17 June.

25X1A [redacted]. However, only the north section of the Delius Kaserne is occupied by units of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig. The fact that courses are under way at the camp on Hasenheidenberg in Doeberitz accounts for the partial occupation of the Kriegsschule. [redacted] The Ruinenberg Kaserne had been vacated as early as May and allegedly was to be turned over to KVP. No definite information has, for some time, been received on the occupation of the barracks installation in Wildpark-West. However, elements of the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFG previously stationed there definitely transferred to Kummersdorf in May and were confirmed there by motor vehicle

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[redacted] until 13 June.

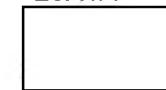
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25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. Compared with the preceding report by the same source of late May, the Kavallerie Schule, on 7 July, appeared to be somewhat more occupied than previously. [redacted]. This was probably due to a shipment 25X1A of elements of the 299th Gds Mort Regt and the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div which went from Wolmirstedt to Satzkorn on 6 July. [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. This shipment may be identical with a train which according to another source, arrived in Wustermark on 9 July, coming from the direction of Potsdam. The train presumably carried a unit of the 34th Arty Div (US) which transferred to Altengrabow.

25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] belongs to a unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Kramnitz. 25X1C

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